

Service Date: August 6, 1987

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application     )  
Of TREASURE STATE PIPE LINE CO. For) UTILITY DIVISION  
Authority to Decrease Rates and     ) DOCKET NO. 87.7.42  
Charges For Natural Gas Service.   ) INTERIM ORDER NO. 5286  
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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Treasure State Pipe Line Company (Applicant) applied to this Commission for an order authorizing a decrease in the rates Applicant charges for natural gas service. The application sought authority to decrease rates in order to reflect all cost decreases resulting from rate decreases granted The Montana Power Company (Company) in the Tax Reform Docket No. 86.11.62, Sub. 10.

2. On July 27, 1987, the Commission's Interim Order No. 5269a granted Montana Power Company a natural gas rate decrease.

3. Interim Order No. 5269a will result in decreased purchased gas costs to Applicant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Applicant, Treasure State Pipe Line Company, is a corporation providing service within the State of Montana and as such is a "public utility" within the meaning of Section 69-3-101, MCA.

2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

3. Section 69-3-304, MCA, provides in part, "The Commission may, in its discretion, temporarily approve increases or decreases pending a hearing or final decision."

4. The rate levels and spread approved herein are reasonable.

#### ORDER

1. Applicant, Treasure State Pipe Line Company, is hereby granted interim relief reflecting Findings of Fact in this order.

2. Such relief is to become effective for services rendered on and after August 1, 1987, and remain in effect until such time as a final decision is reached in this matter.

3. The decreased rates shall be collected upon a constant uniform cents per Mcf basis.

4. If the final decision is to disapprove a decrease, the Commission may order a surcharge for the amount not collected retroactive to the date of the temporary approval.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 3rd day of August, 1987, by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

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HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

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TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell  
Acting Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.